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SUBJECT: AUDITORS' REPORTS ON NADGEMO FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS
FOR 1969-1970 AND 1971

STATE FOR EUR/RPM; DEF FOR OASD-I&L AND ISA.

REFS: A. NPB-POL/(72)299

B. NPB-POL/(73)180

C. NPB-R/175, PARA. III

D. NPB-R/176, PARA. VIII

E. NPB-SEC/DS/191, PART II, PARA. III

F. NPB-SEC/DS/192, PART I, PARA. III

1. REFS A AND B ARE REPORTS OF THE NATO INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF AUDITORS ON THE FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OF THE NADGE MANAGEMENT OFFICE FOR THE YEARS 1969-1970 AND 1971, TOGETHER WITH THE COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR, NADGEMO AND THE FINANCIAL CONTROLLER, NATO. NADGE POLICY BOARD COMMENTS RELATIVE TO THE REPORTS ARE CONTAINED IN REFS C, D, E AND F. THE NADGE POLICY BOARD HAS APPROVED THE REPORTS, AND THE CHAIRMAN HAS SENT THEM TO THE SEC GEN FOR ACTION.

2. THE FACT THAT NPB-POL/(72)299 (AUDIT REPORT, 1969-1970), 31 OCTOBER 1972, HAD NOT BEEN PLACED ON A NAC AGENDA WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE NPB SECRETARY BY THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AT THE TIME REF B WAS REFERRED TO NPB FOR DISCUSSION.

3. THE NPB EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE AUDIT REPORTS HAD NOT BEEN COMPLETED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE RESPECTIVE YEARS. IN FACT, THE NPB HAD COMPLETED ITS WORK ON REF A A YEAR AGO BUT, THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT, SEC GEN HAD NOT REFERRED IT TO NAC. NEVERTHELESS, MISSION BELIEVES THAT REPORT FOR 1971 IS AT LEAST A YEAR LATE IN SUBMISSION TO NPB FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION.

4. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SEC GEN WILL ASK THAT THESE REPORTS BE APPROVED UNDER THE SILENT PROCEDURE. HOWEVER, UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE, MISSION WILL SUGGEST THAT THE REPORTS BE PLACED ON A NAC AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION.

5. WE INTEND TO COMMENT ON THE FACT THAT RECEIVING THREE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORTS AT ONE TIME ILLUSTRATES AGAIN THE NEED FOR MORE STRINGENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MANGEMENT DIRECTORATE IN NATO.
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